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FOREIGN AND INSULAR

AUSTRIA.

Plague reports from various countries from official sources at Vienna.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, *October 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith such information concerning plague as I have been able to gather for the week ended to-day.

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[Inclosure.]

BULGARIA.—According to the order of the minister of the interior, the quarantine has been raised against vessels from Constantinople and other Ottoman ports free of plague.

GREECE.—The imperial order of August 31 (September 13) requiring a disinfection of all vessels from Beirut and Smyrna has been cancelled. Vessels from these ports are now admitted to free entry after a very strict medical examination. Vessels from the coast of Asia Minor (except the port of Smyrna) from Dikili to Gheronta, are entered to *libera practica* without disinfection or medical examination.

The imperial decree of June 15 requiring a ten days' quarantine for all vessels from Oporto and forbidding the entry of merchandise from this port has been cancelled.

Vessels which have left Oporto after September 11 (24) are admitted to free pratique after a strict medical examination.

SWEDEN.—According to the orders of the college of commerce of September 27, Beirut and Smyrna are declared free from plague.

The following ports are declared plague infected: Glasgow, Alexandria, and Port Said, the Ottoman Provinces Hedjaz and Yamen, the ports on the Persian Sea and on Chat-el-Arab, the cities of Karachi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Manila. Also Formosa, Hongkong, Macao, also the port of Osaka (Japan), Newchang, Fontschow, Amoy, Swatow, and Canton (China), Rio de Janeiro, Rosario, the island of Mauritius and Réunion, New Caledonia, and Sydney (Australia).

EGYPT.—In Alexandria a case of plague was reported October 5—after an interval of twelve days since the last case.

BRITISH INDIA.—In Bombay there were 146 and 177 cases, and 48 and 88 deaths from plague during the two weeks September 18 to October 1.

HONGKONG.—Nine cases and an equal number of deaths are reported for the week August 19 to 25. Previous to this a diminution in the epidemic was recorded.

PHILIPPINES.—The official reports of the Austrian Government state that the plague has continued in Manila since the first of the year without diminution. As many of the sick evade the watchfulness of the officers, the number of cases can not be correctly stated. In the week July 14 to 21, 4 cases came under the observation of the authorities.

AUSTRALIA.—In Queensland, during the week August 18 to 25, there were 8 new cases and 1 death. Of the new cases, 7 were in Townsville and 1 in Brisbane. At the close of the week there were 28 cases still under observation. There has been a total of 165 cases and 47 deaths from plague in the said colony up to August 25.

In New South Wales plague is supposed to be stamped out. Vessels from Sydney have had clean bills of health since August 19. Since the outbreak of the epidemic there were 303 cases and 103 deaths from the disease in this colony.